

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

LIQUID FILTRATION APPARATUS ~~AND METHOD~~ EMBODYING SUPER-
BUOYANT FILTRATION PARTICLES

Please amend paragraph [0080] as follows:

[0080] Selection of these constituent layers depends upon the size of the filter bed particles. The fine mesh screen 16c or membrane layer 16d is positioned at the lower face of the bed support 16 immediately next to the filter bed media. A medium mesh screen 16b is positioned in the center to provide structural support for the fine layer, and the perforated metal 16a is last and provides structural stiffening for the entire support assembly. The fine material, whether screen 16c or permeable membrane 16d, is preferably the layer that directly contacts the filter bed media 14. The other layers serve to provide structural support and enhance liquid flow through the bed support 16. This multiple layer design provides the strength necessary to retain the bed media 14 under working filtration pressures that may be as high, for example, as 75 to 150 psi. Preferably, the working filtration pressures may range from approximately 20 to 150 psi. A broader range may of course be utilized under appropriate conditions related to the type of media bed, the type and size of particulates sought to be filtered thereby and the optimum velocity flow of liquid through the system.